

INJURIES CAUSED BY BITES BY DOGS AND CATS FROM THE ASPECT OF THE VETERINARY

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The frequency of human injuries caused by bites or scratching necessitates a cooperation of physician and veterinary. My aim is to examine the interdisciplinary fields of such injuries.

From epidemiological aspect, rabies is emphasized. Besides historical and statistical data, the Hungarian system of the regulation of animal health is also mentioned. The lecture is also on the oral vaccination of foxes. The rabies has changed during the past decades: today, cats are more exposed to rabies than foxes. A banal transplantational contamination is also mentioned.

Dogs are rarely impacted by rabies. The clinical picture of teeth changing tetanus points out the deterioration of teeth.

Some frequent and typical localisations – hand injury, articulation – are also mentioned as of a forensic character. In case of cardiological patients, stress situation is to be underlined. In case of anticoagulated injured persons, a heavy bleeding and the stress caused by it are also to be mentioned. Tooth and counter-tooth phenomenon is also discussed.

Etiologically, the defence of territory, that of food and that of the off-springs, and also pain reactions play a main role. However, playing, preying and reaction to extreme human actions are mostly the cause of injuries.